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GOVERNOR MUSGROVE RECEIVES NOTIFCATION OF TOYOTA DECISION

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(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove received notification today that Toyota has selected San Antonio, Texas as the site for its next automotive manufacturing plant.

Musgrove stated, "We were one of three finalists for this project. We're on the radar screen of companies considering major expansions and new locations."

In written correspondence from the company regarding this announcement, Toyota states that it is not their usual policy to comment on other sites, but in this case they would make an exception for Mississippi. "We were impressed with the potential site in Mississippi, and the bi-partisan spirit of the government officials with whom we worked. Governor Musgrove and his team clearly understand the needs of automotive manufacturers, and they put together an extremely competitive incentive package."

"We had a strong incentive package, an excellent location, quality workforce, and an undeniable commitment to bringing this project to fruition. Without those things in place, Mississippi would have never made the initial consideration list, much less, as one of the top 3 finalists," said Musgrove.

"But today, we can all stand proud, that we were one of two, possibly three, states considered. Mississippi is being recognized worldwide as a major competitor, but we won't stop here. We will work as hard, and pursue as aggressively, the smallest of projects under consideration, to create jobs for our people," added Musgrove.